[Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar.]

(*b*) whether they are affording any facilities to the public for the removal of sand on the line of this canal at present ; and

(*c*) if not, why ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) As far as possible.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

Construction of stone steps on the river-side in front of the Palace and the Travellers' Bungalow near the Punalur Bridge.

53. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether any amount of money is sanctioned for the construction of the ferry steps on the river-side in front of the Palace and the Travellers' Bungalow near the Punalur bridge; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, whether any money will be sanctioned for the same ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Administrative sanction has been accorded for the construction of a bathing ghat at the place at a cost of Rs. 4,000. Detailed estimates are under preparation.

Lady Member for the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

54. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether there is a lady member in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly ; and

(*b*) if not, whether they will consider the feasibility of nominating lady members also ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*) The answer is in the negative

(*b*) Under Rule VIII (*b*) of the Rules relating to the constitution and conduct of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly no person shall be eligible to be returned or nominated as a member if such person is a female.

Need for a Ferry Boat at Perumpallittura.

55. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has recommended the introduction of a Government ferry boat at Perumpallittura in the Kayankulam backwater ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date of such recommendation and the orders passed thereon ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 9-8-1929. The matter is under consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government consider the report of the Chief Engineer with any other material before them or has the report alone to be considered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not understand the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government are considering the recommendation of the Chief Engineer for the establishment of a ferry boat with any other material which is not appended with the recommendation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): After the receipt of the Chief Engineer's report Government have asked the Land Revenue Commissioner to report on the necessity for the service there. When that report is received the question will be finally decided.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know what are the points on which the Land Revenue Commissioner is asked to report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He is asked to report about the necessity for the ferry service there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why the Government considers that the Land Revenue Commissioner is more competent to give his opinion than the Chief Engineer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In some cases Government consult both the Departments. It may happen that in some cases when the Chief Engineer considers a work to be not necessary, the Land Revenue Commissioner may advise that it should be taken up. So both are consulted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When was the Land Revenue Commissioner asked to make the recommendation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): On the 14th August 1929.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have the Government sent any reminder to the Land Revenue Commissioner?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Road from the 63rd mile of the M. C. road to Mavara Punja.

56. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before them to open a new road from the 63rd mile of the M. C. road to Mavara *Punja*;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the stage at which it is now (4-4-1105) pending; and

(*c*) whether the Co-operative Society No. 1690 of Perumpulikkal has agreed to deposit the compensation money for paying the landholders

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